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REALIZE GREAT MENACE OF FLIES

Mayor and Superintendent of Health Urge Destruction of Breeding Places of Flies in Vinita.

To the Public.
Every resident of Vinita must have noticed the great number of flies to be seen in every part of the city. If it were possible to follow the career of one of these pests from dragging its feet through the filthiest refuse and the dirtiest gutter until it comes in contact with our various articles of food and drink, it would be easy to understand how great a menace to the health of the community these insects are.

Screens help to mitigate the evil and fly paper catches an occasional one; but the better plan unquestionably is to destroy their breeding places, which are known almost exclusively to be the piles of manure and offal about stables and in back yards and neglected surface closets. A great many of these fly incubators exist in Vinita, hatching out a generation every fourteen days. We cannot ignore these facts without paying the penalty. The board of health would urge every responsible person as a duty which he owes to himself and to the community to—

First. Remove all accumulations of manure and other offal from his premises and prevent their reaccumulation.
Second. Systematically clean and daily disinfect by sprinkling with lime all surface closets, or, if possible, establish a connection with a sewer.

The laws of this state constitute the mayor and city council, a board of health, and empower them to order the owner or occupant of private premises, at his own expense, to remove any nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness found thereon. Failure to obey such order is punishable by fine of not more than \$25.00 for each day such order is knowingly violated.

It is to be hoped that a general sense of public good will be sufficient to move every citizen of our city to do his full duty.

O. L. RIDER,
Mayor,
C. S. NEER,
Superintendent of City Health.

MISSOURI CONVICT MAKES CONFESSION

Letter Written in Penitentiary Enumerates Several Murders By Writer That Had Been Mysteries.

By Associated Press.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 23.—An intercepted letter written at Jefferson City penitentiary and signed by Wm. J. Murphy confesses to several murders committed in St. Joseph, by the writer. According to word received here today, from the warden, Murphy was sent to the penitentiary from St. Joseph for abusing his daughter. In the letter the writer says he killed Wm. Mignery, a wealthy St. Joseph contractor on January 1, 1908 and Ray Oden, a butcher some time previous to that date and enumerates other killings, for which he claims credit, and that heretofore have been mysteries to the police who are trying to verify the statements.

FILE SUIT TO RESTRAIN NEBRASKA BANKING BOARD

By Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., June 22.—Former United States Senator W. V. Allen and J. L. Webster of Omaha, attorneys for the banking interests of Nebraska, opposed to the state bank deposit guaranty law, today filed suit in the federal court here asking for a restraining order against the state bank board.

Daughter To Queen Victoria.

By Associated Press.
La Guana, Spain, June 22.—Queen Victoria gave birth to a daughter today.

OKLAHOMA POST OFFICES ORDERED ESTABLISHED

Washington, June 22.—The following postoffices have been ordered established in Oklahoma:

Gee, Pushmataha county, Henry V. Gee, postmaster.
Trenton, Okfuskee county, Linsey H. Collier, postmaster.

The postoffice at Fairview, Okla., after July 1 will be located on the west side of Main street, between Broadway and F. streets.

The postoffice at Sallisaw, Okla., after September 1, will be located on the west side of Oak street, between Cherokee and Choctaw streets.

The postoffice at Fry, Tulsa county, has been ordered discontinued, effective June 30. Mail goes to Broken Arrow.

The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed in Oklahoma: Brantley, Roger Mills county, Alfred P. Meyers, vice W. A. Burren; Noah, McCurtain county, J. E. Hill, vice D. J. Griffin.
The postoffice at Waynoka, Okla., will become an international money order office on July 1.

REPORT SHOWS IMMENSE WEALTH

Property Valuation in Oklahoma For 1909 Will Be Between \$800,000,000, and \$900,000,000.

Guthrie, Okla., June 22.—Oklahoma's assessed valuation for 1909 will reach figures between \$800,000,000 and \$900,000,000, estimates R. C. Cain of State Auditor Trapp's office. Mr. Cain is the secretary and accountant of the state board of equalization and assessment.

The assessment was \$727,722,516. The board has not completed its work by any means, but preliminary figures fix a probable increase of 25 per cent on public service corporations' property, with the exception of telephones, telegraphs, railroads, etc., which are still out. Railroads will have a valuation approximately 5 per cent higher than last year. Local assessors, according to the 16 counties out of 75 which have reported will run their totals 10 per cent higher than 1908. The counties of eastern Oklahoma are reporting higher totals, due to natural increase in valuations and to removal of restrictions from Indian lands. There is a natural increase over the entire state perceptible in the reports, and Mr. Cain thinks his estimate conservative.

Corporate property of a public service nature will probably run towards \$250,000,000.

DEFENDANTS GRANTED EXTENSION OF TIME

McAlester, Okla., June 22.—The federal court entered an order yesterday giving the defendants in the Muskogee town lot conspiracy cases until August 16 to file preliminary motions. Judge Campbell today quashed eighteen indictments for timber depredations in the Choctaw nation, on the ground that the grand jury charged that timber was cut on unallotted lands, without specifying who did the cutting or even saying the parties were to the jurors unknown.

Going After Information.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Robert Dunlop, of Newkirk, chairman, and C. L. Long, of Wewoka, secretary of the state board of trustees, for the Oklahoma insane asylums passed through the city last evening en route to Chicago and Kankakee, Ill., and other places in the north central states to inspect asylums with the view of obtaining information which will be of benefit to them in the construction of the asylum at Vinita, and in the care of the inmates. They will be absent about ten days.—Guthrie Leader.

SPANISH PRETENDER HAS CEREBRAL PARALYSIS

By Associated Press.

Madrid, Spain, June 22.—According to a local newspaper, Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, who has been living in retirement at Varese, Italy, is suffering from cerebral paralysis.

MOVEMENT TO FINANCE COUNTY FAIR PROPOSITION

Will Issue \$8,000 in Stock—Shares to be Worth \$25—Committees Busy With Plan to Buy Site for Fair Grounds—Price of Stock Reduced in Order to Give All Farmers a Chance to Procure Stock

At a well attended meeting at the Commercial club rooms Saturday night formal steps were taken for the organization of a county fair association. It was decided to issue about \$8,000 in stock at \$25 a share. This stock issue will be the financial basis upon which the association will be formed. It was at first thought best to make the shares \$100, but upon the request of many of the farmers the price of the shares was reduced to \$25, and no one man can purchase more than \$100 worth of stock. All of this stock must be sold by July 10, or the fair will be dropped.

It is the intention of the association if it is successfully organized to buy a suitable tract of land adjoining town and make some good substantial improvements thereon.

The executive committee of the proposed association is composed of Frank Franklin, J. W. Orr, A. L. Churchill and Lee Todd. Any of them will be glad to explain the plan to finance the fair and to receive your subscription for stock. The money will not be due until September 1, and notes without interest will be accepted in payment for stock. L. W. Marks will make a complete canvass of the county and see the farmers and get their subscriptions for stock. However it is not necessary for the farmers to see Mr. Marks. Their subscriptions will be gladly received by any of the committee. Vinita is willing to subscribe her share of the money, but is more essential to get the farmers of the county in control, and to this end the committees will work.

The following have subscribed for stock since the meeting:

Mary S. Hampton, Lee Todd, D. M. Marrs, L. W. Marks, Ewing Halsell, J. T. Gunter, Pete Coyne, A. A. Roach, Frank Franklin and E. E. Foster. S. Y. Cobb, L. W. Buffington and J. T. Gunter have charge of Vinita subscriptions. Vinitans who wish to subscribe may see any of them.

COURT SUSTAINS EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Opinion Says The Law is a Direction To The Agents of The State And Valid.

Guthrie, Okla., June 23.—The constitutionality of the eight-hour law for labor on public works, passed by the legislature of 1907-8, was affirmed yesterday by the criminal court of appeals in an opinion of Justice Doyle. The point was raised in the appeal of G. L. Byers, foreman for the J. F. Hill Construction company, doing paving work in Guthrie, who had been working his men ten hours. Byers was convicted in the county court of Logan county and appealed on the ground that the law was unconstitutional.

In sustaining the constitutionality of the law, Justice Doyle holds that it is not an exercise of the police powers of the state, but merely an action by the state as a party to the contract in fixing the hours of labor, as any other employer has the right to do.

The court holds that the law is a direction of the state to its agents and therefore valid. Municipal corporations are held to be auxiliaries of the state for local government, and it is held to be the power of the state to prescribe the terms on which public work is done for itself or its municipalities.

State Labor Commissioner Charles Daugherty was much gratified by the decision of the court, and expressed the opinion that hereafter he would have little difficulty in enforcing the eight hour law.

The new eight hour law was adopted by the second legislature for the purpose of making the old law more definite in some of its provisions and does not in any way conflict with the measure, the constitutionality of which has just been upheld.

The new law also was adopted to supply a code on that subject should the old law be invalidated by the supreme court. Yesterday's decision of the court practically assures that the new law is also valid in every particular and further attacks are expected upon the eight hour code.

COMPTROLLER ISSUES CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., June 24.—Comptroller of currency today issued a call on all national banks for a report of their condition at the close of business on June 23.

ONE MAN DIES AS RESULT OF SHOOTING

Inola, Okla., June 23.—J. K. Crutchfield is on the operating table in a dying condition and Jim Price is fatally wounded as a result of a shooting affray that resulted from a mistaken identity, at a house a few miles from this place, at about midnight last night.

Jim Price and two other men had been sent by the Anti-Horse Thief association to watch a house for some horse thieves, and were stationed on watch, when Crutchfield and the city marshal of Inola who had also started for the same place appeared. Price mistook Crutchfield and his companion for the horse thieves and fired, the ball striking Crutchfield and fatally wounding him. The city marshal then shot Price. Both of the wounded men were brought to Inola for medical aid, but no hope is entertained for either of them. At noon today it was thought that Crutchfield was dying.

No arrests have yet been made, as the officers are unable to place the blame for the killing.

J. K. Crutchfield is an uncle of John Crutchfield of this city, and was a member of the original Crutchfield family in the Cherokee nation. He was well known in Vinita.

Mr. Crutchfield died early Thursday morning.

MARKS OPENING OF PLEASURE RESORT

Reception For Teachers Attending Normal Greatly Enjoyed By Hundreds of Vinitans.

From Thursday's Daily.

What may be called the real opening of a Electric Park, the beautiful resort in the east portion of the city occurred last night, when under the auspices of the Commercial club a reception was given there, to the teachers who are here attending the tri-county normal.

Several hundred people were in attendance and enjoyed the evening at dancing, watching the boys swim, and in strolling about the pretty little park. The pleasure of the party was somewhat limited by the fact that Silver lake had not been filled with water, sufficiently to permit the grown people to enjoy bathing. However there was water enough in the lake to permit good boating and this was enjoyed by the young people to the fullest extent.

CAPITALIST WOULD DAM NEOSHO NEAR MIAMI

Miami, Okla., June 24.—Eastern capitalists recently sent representatives here to investigate the proposition of building a dam over the Neosho river at Miami to furnish power for the city and the plants of the big mining camp adjacent. The rate of increase in the opening of new lead and zinc mines is attracting attention of miners all over the country and some sort of power of much larger generating capacity than the district now affords soon will be a necessity. Another strike of lead and zinc ore is reported from the North Miami camp near the Neosho river.

JOPLIN DISTRICT MINE OWNER CUTS THROAT

By Associated Press.

Tulsa, Okla., June 23.—F. P. Anderson, a Joplin district mine owner and promoter attempted to commit suicide here early today by cutting his throat with a razor. He was taken to the hospital and his condition is said to be critical. He was despondent over financial affairs.

FORMER CIRCUIT JUDGE AT ST. JOSEPH DEAD

By Associated Press.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 23.—Judge Henry M. Ramey, a former judge of the circuit court, here, died today, aged sixty-five. The deceased was a prominent democrat in politics in Missouri.

RAPID PROGRESS OF NEW ASSOCIATION

Ladies of Cemetery Association Have Worthy Cause And Should Receive Support of The City.

One of the most recent organizations in Vinita and one of which the whole city is proud is the Vinita Cemetery Association. This association was formulated by the ladies of Vinita and its object is to keep the cemetery in an attractive condition. The ladies have undertaken a worthy cause and should have the support of the entire city. They have adopted a splendid constitution and set of by-laws, which if space permitted the Chieftain would print.

The Vinita Cemetery Association has the following 28 charter members: Mesdames F. C. Alken, Leo Barrett, F. Billingslea, Miss Willie Billingslea, Mesdames S. J. Burns, M. J. Cantrell, W. P. Gatewood, John Gunter, Davis Hill, N. B. Horton, Chas. Hunt, Jno. Hunt, E. J. Hobdy, A. W. Foreman, C. Long, C. L. McClure, Jasper Martin, J. S. Oborn, C. H. Reidemann, H. W. C. Shelton, J. S. Smith, J. W. Sims, Marshall Stevens, John Swain, J. A. Thompson, W. L. Trott, E. N. Williamson. The new members joining since are: Mesdames C. York, J. F. Murphy, L. R. Scott, M. L. R. Scott, Dr. J. D. Hitchcock, Mr. J. I. Morning, Mesdames S. R. Hult, Lee Crutchfield, A. J. Horton, Lewis Rogers, A. N. Green, Madge Etter, Messrs. J. T. Ratcliff, J. McGlassen, Geo. Harris, Tom Brackett, Lewis Rogers, J. H. Butler, Wm. Beatty, Galtier Chandler, S. E. Parks, Dr. A. M. Clinkscales. Mesdames W. M. Todd, Alfred Berger, Jas. Burkhalter, C. J. Croninger, C. C. Roberts, Geo. Turbush, Jos. Gill, Lou Bordenkireher, S. R. Frazee, Willie Oborn, Emmitt Skinner, Dennis Wilson, J. S. Davenport, Dora Gabbert, Dr. A. W. Foreman, Messrs. G. W. Clark, C. T. Hurd, R. P. Ironside, A. J. Michaels, R. Bennett, J. K. Taylor, D. S. Warren, Henry Raines, Delaney & Scott, Mr. C. A. Riddle, Cash Wilkinson, Chas. Martin, Levi Jones, C. J. Newman, T. M. Buffington, Johnson Felling, L. B. Garrison, Mrs. Tom Knight, J. C. Wilkinson, W. T. Friend, Richardson, Dr. Stough, Capt. F. L. Barrett, Mrs. J. M. Darrough, D. B. Stutsman, Ava Aehgill, Ewing Halsell, John Thomason, Mr. E. J. Hobdy, Ed Davidson, Tom Isabell, Harry Hunt, Miss Annie Chandler, Mrs. Ike Gilstrap, Mrs. Billy Simms, Mrs. Otho Smith.

BOARD APPOINTS SIX NEW TEACHERS

Vacancies in City Schools Filled By Board—Discuss Plans For New High School Building.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The school board of the city of Vinita met last night at the Vinita National bank for the purpose of appointing the additional teachers for the city schools. Superintendent Master-son and the teachers were appointed several weeks ago and the following will fill the vacancies: Misses Effie McDaniels, Alma Martin, Bailey, Vermelle Meacham and Mrs. W. E. Sniggs. Prof. Downing was appointed principal of the schools.

The board also discussed at some length the plans for the new high school building, but no definite action was taken. The plans which were made by Architect Church, and which have been accepted by the board are for a building, that when completed, will cost about \$58,000.

RUMOR SAYS SECRETARY WILSON WILL RETIRE

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., June 22.—A Washington special to the Record-Herald says, "James Wilson, of Iowa, secretary of agriculture, who has beaten the record for the length of cabinet service will retire from that office in December, according to the best information." Charles E. Scott, congressman from the second Kansas district, it is reported has been selected to succeed him."